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Friday, August 14, 2020

+ **OPENING CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER**

O God, open our lips,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
we praise your name, O God.

[ADAPTED FROM PSALM 51:15 AND 113:3]

+ **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

(Water may be touched, poured or sprinkled.)

By Word and water God renews us this day
in the living fountain of God's grace,
and raises us with Christ Jesus to live
a new life in the Spirit.

***Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
O God, that we may sing for joy
and be glad all our days.***

[PSALM 90:14]

+ **MORNING HYMN OR CANTICLE**

Come, let us sing to the Ho-ly One; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal-va-tion.

Let us come before God's presence with thanks-giving,*
and raise a loud shout with *psalms*.

For you, O God, are a great God,*
you are great a-bove all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the *earth*,*
and the heights of the hills are yours *also*.

The sea is yours, for you *made it*,*
and your hands have molded the dry *land*.
Come, let us bow down and bend the *knee*,*
and kneel before God, our *Maker*.

For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture
and the sheep of your *hand*.*

Oh, that today we would hearken to your *voice*!

[PSALM 95:1-7 (OSH PSALTER)]

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+MORNING PRAYER

The Holy One* be with you;

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Dawn from on high,

Your light illumines all our days.

Awaken us to your visitations throughout this day.

Be merciful in us for the sake of others.

Make us fearless when confronting injustice and need,
that we may give you glory in the power of the Spirit.

Amen.

[DTB]

+ Psalm 67

Antiphon:

⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, has blessed us

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*

² that your way may be known upon earth,

your saving power among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God continue to bless us;

let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;

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+ WORD: Acts 14:19-28

¹⁹ But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium and won over the crowds. Then they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.

²⁰ But when the disciples surrounded him, he got up and went into the city. The next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

²¹ After they had proclaimed the good news to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, then on to Iconium and Antioch.

²² There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, "It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God."

²³ And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

²⁴ Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia.

²⁵ When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

²⁶ From there they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work^[a] that they had completed.

²⁷ When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles.

²⁸ And they stayed there with the disciples for some time.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

+SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

We bless you, Adonai, God of *Israel*,
for you come to visit us and ransom us from *bondage*.
You have brought forth a strong *De-liverer*
in the house of your child *David*.

This is what your holy prophets an-nounced:
deliverance from enemies
and from the hand of all who hate *us*;
mercy a-mong our *ancestors*,

and remembrance of your ho-ly covenant.

This is the promise you swore to our an-cestor, *Abraham*,
to make us un-a-fraid,
to rescue us from our *enemies*,
to serve before you, holy and just,
all the days of our *lives*.

And this, my little child,
shall be called prophet of the Most *High*,
going before you, Adonai, to pre-pare your *paths*,
making your people know de-*liverance*
by the forgiveness of their *sins*.

**Through your merciful compassions, God our God,
the dawn from on high shall *visit us*,
to shine on those kept in dungeons and the shadows of death
and to guide our feet onto the path of peace.** [LUKE 1:68-79]

[LUKE 1:68-79; TBE, ALT., OSL]

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

+ **A READING FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION:**

**"The closer one approaches to God,
the simpler (clearer) one becomes."**

Teresa of Avila

Silent reflection

+ **PRAYERS**

The Holy One be with you,
and also with you.

Let us pray:

+ SILENT PRAYER

Requests known to you

+ **PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS**

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of
sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to
those we pray for this day, the help of your power, that
their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow
into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR CLERGY and PEOPLE

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace: and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

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+ COLLECT FOR FRIDAYS

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.** [BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.*

+ CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father,
You have brought us in safety to this new day:
preserve us with your mighty power,
that we may not fall into sin,
nor be overcome by adversity;
and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ BLESSING

God be in your head, and in your understanding.
God be in your eyes, and in your looking.
God be in your mouth, and in your speaking.
God be in your heart, and in your thinking.
God be at your end, and at your departing.

(SARUM LITURGY, ENGLAND, 13TH CENT., ALT.)